

Warlords 3 on Win10?

Posted by Trylaan - 12 Jul 2017 16:12

Hi all,

Does anyone know of a way to get Warlords 3 to run on Windows 10 other than the kind of crazy process of installing it on a machine with a much older OS, dumping it onto a USB key and then copying it over to the Win10 machine?

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Re: Warlords 3 on Win10?

Posted by KGB - 13 Jul 2017 23:08

Trylaan

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Re: Warlords 3 on Win10?

Posted by Trylaan - 15 Jul 2017 02:36

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Not really uncomfortable, just clueless about how to go about it 😊

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Re: Warlords 3 on Win10?

Posted by KGB - 15 Jul 2017 19:31

You can get the Batz machine here:

www.dropbox.com/sh/eolrol31pvvqgo/AAA_5...oAR5RWnFWWCcrsa?dl=0

You can read about what to do here in terms of using it.

www.warlords.com/warlords3-dlr/technic...in-a-virtual-machine

The latest version 5.1.22 windows hosts probably works fine because no one has complained.

KGB

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Re: Warlords 3 on Win10?

Posted by Baaf - 24 Jul 2017 14:32

Darklords Rising used to run fine on my Win10 computer with the -wincursor switch. But my copy of Win10 got messed up and I had to reinstall. And now DR won't run anymore. Ever since its release it has been one of my favorite games. I tried the VM Virtualbox option but Win 2000 won't even start up so that doesn't work for me. I tried copying the game from an old hard disk but that doesn't work either. Please help. I really would like to be able to run DR on my PC.

On my wife's laptop with Win10 it runs perfectly so it can be done somehow.

Any suggestions would be appreciated.

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Re: Warlords 3 on Win10?

Posted by SkeleTony - 25 Jul 2017 17:44

To everyone. re: Getting Warlords III (both versions) running on modern Windows systems WITHOUT a virtual machine or flash drive shenanigans.

If you do not mind buying the game (again for most of us) go to this guy's ebay store:

www.ebay.com/usr/allvideo?ul_noapp=true

His name is Chris. An old school gamer and some sort of technical wizard. He has hundreds of games available (all of which come with the original brand new CDs or floppies for legal reasons) and they all come with a special CD he created with a special set-up/installation program for the game in question. Among these are Warlords III: RoH. This prompted me to ask him if he also had Darklords Rising. I reminded him that DLR was notoriously difficult to get working in modern Windows systems and he told me directly that he has BOTH versions and would send me the DLR version if I ordered. At the time DLR was either not listed itself (but RoH was) or I missed it somehow while perusing his games.

I myself have bought three games from him and every one has worked flawlessly These included the notorious Disciples of Steel and Wizardry Gold (which at the time even the gog.com version did not work well on modern Windows).

Of course you may not be keen on paying for W3:DLR again but even so this means that there IS a way to do this which Chris figured out and others probably can too. He does not use any virtual machine programs I am aware of. His games work by simply placing his special CD into your drive and double clicking the install/set-up file. After that you can play the game from your HD without need of any CD.

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Re: Warlords 3 on Win10?

Posted by KGB - 27 Jul 2017 04:38

SkeleTony,

This is very interesting.

His special CD is clearly a way to allow 16 bit installers to work on Win 7 and later machines. I imagine he just has a custom virtual installer that runs the 16 bit installer.

But I don't see how the games themselves can be running natively in Win7 and later machines. A lot of them access the hardware directly for video and sound (hence the need for -wincursor on XP machines for DLR). So if he's not using a virtual machine then he's customizing the hardware calls by intercepting them in some manner (which is essentially what a virtual machine does). Does he have a website to check out his products?

KGB

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Re: Warlords 3 on Win10?

Posted by KGB - 27 Jul 2017 04:45

Baaf,

Windows 10 recently underwent some security updates after the recent virus outbreaks. It's very possible those updates broke DLR and older games from running. It's also possible it's related to the version of Windows 10 you and your wife run (home, professional etc). We'd need to know a lot more about the version you had that worked, your current one and your wife's one. My guess is the reason copying from an old HD didn't work is because a new security update for Win10 is breaking DLR. You'll likely have to enable a setting or some compatibility mode somewhere (I don't have Win 10 so hard for me to help you)

What problems did you encounter with the Win2000 VM? Never heard anyone ever having a problem running it. Did you download the VM with DLR already installed (Batz's machine) or just try Win2000 and installing DLR yourself?

KGB

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Re: Warlords 3 on Win10?

Posted by SkeleTony - 27 Jul 2017 10:22

Other than his ebay store page I am not sure if he has any other sites and even if he did I am thinking he probably does not advertise how he does whatever he does. All I know is that, while I have not yet tried his version of W3:DLR every game I have tried from him so far has worked perfectly and his feedback score on ebay is an almost unheard of score with zero negative or neutral ratings. He is very communicative though so he might give one of us some info' about how he does what he does. Though I use XP and so don't need his DLR version I am thinking about buying it anyways. Perhaps when I get around to buying a new laptop with Windows 8 or 10 on it I will then try his DLR and let you know how it works.

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Re: Warlords 3 on Win10?

Posted by Baaf - 27 Jul 2017 10:31

I looked into this Chris' web shop and found no Warlords 3 games Neither of them. Hundreds of other games but no Warlords 3.

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